



## **Staff Report**

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT (BTA) GRANT APPLICATION FOR CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 433 – U.S. HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE/PEDESTRAIN BRIDGE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250,000

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

### **Summary**

Staff is seeking permission from City Council to apply for the Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant in the amount of \$1,250,000 to fund construction of the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project. The BTA application is due by December 1, 2005.

### **Background**

Construction of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over U.S. Highway 101 is one of the City's priority projects. The project design is now complete and the City will be ready to invite bids for construction as soon as it obtains sufficient funding commitments. Public Works projects of this size are typically funded from several sources, drawing primarily from federal and state grants. The City's strategy for this project is to identify all appropriate grant opportunities and apply for grants as they become available. The City will not commit its own construction funding until such time as it accumulates sufficient grant funding to complete the project.

The current estimate for the bicycle and pedestrian bridge is \$5.5 million for construction and construction management services. The City has already secured one State BTA grant of \$585,000. The City also secured \$2.96 million from the Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) through the effort of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo on behalf of the City. Staff is also watching for other funding opportunities and will recommend applying for them when they become available. The City will not budget its money until the project is sufficiently funded for construction.

### **Discussion**

The BTA funds local agency projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. The BTA will provide \$5 million to city and county agencies in fiscal year 2006/07

through a competitive process. The maximum amount that BTA will award to any single project is \$1.25 million and the grant requires a 10 percent match from other sources (other grants and/or City funds). Awarded BTA funds must be expended by June 2009.

Belmont's Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge is eligible for this grant because it includes bicycle facility improvements identified in an adopted Countywide bicycle plan. The deadline for application to Caltrans is December 1, 2005.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no direct fiscal impact from Council's approval of the BTA grant application. Staff is watching for other funding opportunities and will recommend applying for them when they become available. Once the City has obtained sufficient grant funding, it plans to commit City funds as a local match for construction of the project.

### **Public Contact**

The City Council meeting agenda was posted.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to submit an application for the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant in the amount of \$1,250,000.

### **Alternatives**

1. Take no action.
2. Refer back to staff for further information.

### **Attachments**

A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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Associate Engineer

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Raymond E. Davis III, PE, PTOE  
Public Works Director

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Jack R. Crist  
Interim City Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT  
APPROVING THE FILING OF THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT  
(BTA) GRANT APPLICATION FOR CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 433 – U.S.  
HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT,  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250,000**

**WHEREAS**, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project over U.S. Highway 101 is one of the City's priority projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, the project design is now complete; and,

**WHEREAS**, the BTA application is due to Caltrans by December 1, 2005; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City must expend the awarded funds by June 2009; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Belmont is required to match 10 percent of the approved BTA grant amount awarded to the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, City staff will continue to identify all appropriate grant opportunities and apply for them as they become available to subsidize construction costs for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Belmont does authorize the Director of Public Works to submit an application for the Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant for the proposed U.S. Highway Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on September 27, 2005 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

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MAYOR of the City of Belmont